(b) and (c) An amount of Rs. 314.22 crores was Outstanding Current Dues payable by BCCL and JK Minerals to CMPFO as on 31.03.04. Out of above amount Rs. 301 crores stands already recovered from BCCL. CMPFO has been monitoring outstanding dues and the issue is also reviewed in the meeting of Board of Trustees.

Common Service Centre in Andhra Pradesh

2527. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Postal Department proposes to Start Common Service Centres to issue Birth Death certificates;

(b) whether it is also true that one lakh such centres are proposed in different parts of the country;

(c) if so, the number of Common Service Centres proposed to start in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) whether Government think of adding some value added services to the proposed centers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (d) The Department seeks to make all post offices into multi-product, multi services centers by retailing services that are relevant to the needs of the customers. In this context, it has requested to Department of Information Technology to include post offices also in their Project to set up 10,000 Common Service Delivery Centers in rural areas. There is currently no specific proposal to issue birth and death certificates through post offices. However a number of other products and services are already being retailed through post offices. These include sale of forms for UPSC, Stte PSCs/ SSCs, collection of payments against electricity and telephone bills, sale of SIM cards and recharge coupons of private telephone service providers etc.

Setting up of Hardware Park

2528. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up a Hardware Park near Bangalore International Airport in Karnataka;

(b) if so, whether the Karnataka Government have sought financial assistance;

(c) if so, the amount of financial assistance sought for;

(d) whether Karnataka Government have also sought declaring the proposed park as Special Economic Zone; and

(e) if so, the action, if any, teken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Government of India has not received any proposal regarding setting up a Hardware Park near Bangalore International Airport in Karnataka.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

PCO Facilities in Nagaland

2529. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether PCO facility has been granted in all post offices of Nagaland State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when all post offices are likely to be provided with the above facility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMED): (a) and (b) Total 327 post offices are functioning in Nagaland State out of which 26 post offices have been provided with PCO facility.

(c) and (d) In view of reply to paras (a) and (b) above and the PCOs already provided by M/s Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. through their francisees in all the possible places, there is at present no plan of providing more PCOs in the post offices functioning in Nagaland State.